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"Hell with the Indians, as savages they cannot be civilized. If you change them in the least, look out for your scalp." So says the frontiersman. My words are not for this man. He does not justify all that is in civilization. The Indian is human; if cheated, wronged and misused, he will justly resent it, the same as the white man.

I deny that the Indian is more of a savage than the white man. I deny that the scalping-knife and the tomahawk are more significant of great savagery than the sword and Gatling gun of the pale face. Can the Indian produce such destructive and cruel implements of warfare as the monstrous cannon and that death-dealing explosive, the Lyddite? Yet this same man will use every means to influence the government to appropriate large sums of money for the reservations in his state or territory, as though he were actually the red man's almoner.

The white man looks after his own interest. Why not allow the Indian to do the same thing?

THE SYMPATHETIC PLEA.—"Poor things! Do not change their custom all at once. Bring them into civilization by gradual process." This sounds very much like the saint who cut his dog's tail off little by little so as not to hurt the dear dog too much. This kind and gentle ideal is a sham. Four hundred years of gradual process have elapsed, and what are they? A caged being, worse than his forefather ever dreamt of. Idler, beggar, gambler, pauper and ruin! Let us stop this destructive process by the quickest way possible. For the sake of their future the Indian heart of to-day must be broken.

THE CHURCH.—To Christianize the Indians we must seclude them by themselves, away from the vices of civilization, and send missionaries to them." A prominent divine has said: "If I were the devil and wished to do the most devilish thing, I would not destroy the churches, but I would corrupt them." The reservation is a devilish method of Christianizing my people.

I believe in missions. Not one missionary to thousands of Indians, but thousands of missionaries to one Indian, which they would get in the midst of civilization.

THE EDUCATOR'S VIEW.—"Build more schools on reservations, so that the Indian pupils may be an object lesson for their parents, to convince them of the practicability of education."

With a shake of my head I would say, very few Indian schools are needed in the United States. Or, I might go so far as to say, no Indian school is necessary, especially when the public school is the anchor of our educational system. To me to deprive the Indian children of this anchorage is an insult. You may as well say: "You are an inferior race of children; we do not want you in our public schools." In Indian schools Indians teach Indians. When you allow their ignorant parents to decide for their children's welfare, you only encourage the blind to lead the blind, and Indians will remain Indians for ages to come. My plea is, if the public school is good enough for all races, who not for the true American children.

THE SHOW MAN AND THE ANTHROPOLOGIST.—"Leave the Indians alone. It is beautiful to preserve the true children of nature as object lessons to study from." By blinding the Indians Buffalo Bill has wrongly educated the public. To leave the Indians alone as curiosities and studies may be well enough for the show man and the anthropologist. But what about the Indian? The standard of a splendid race is degraded by it. He deserves a better fate than to be decked with savage attire, only to be ridiculed and jeered at for mercenary and scientific purposes. Do away with your ignorance of the Indian. Help him to escape the deadly fate of the reservation system. Learn of him, as he will of you. Then you will develop the man and not the savage, the citizen and not the pauper. This is all I have to say for my people.

Carlos Montezuma

When the gentleman with smooth tongue, who wants cheap labor in order that his profits may be increased, urges that Chinese labor will do no harm, do not listen to him for a moment, but push him aside and tell him you stand for that great mass of American citizens who are earnestly striving to uphold the standard for the American wage-earner, and for his cottage home, for good clothing and food for his wife and children, and you have no use for the man who wants to degrade him and ruin his home and family by placing him in competition with Chinese labor. I believe in protection of American industries, but, my countryman, how much more important it is to PROTECT OUR AMERICAN WAGE-EARNER who has had so much to do with making this the greatest nation on earth.

THE HARM OF CHEAP LABOR

By Hon. James A. Hemenway,
United States Congressman from Indiana.

The injury already done to American labor on the Pacific coast, and to a considerable extent all over the country, by Chinese labor has been very great. There is no telling how many Chinese there are in our far west. The census is entirely unreliable on that point, simply because the Chinese hide and skulk and evade enumeration and identification as much as possible. There are over 50,000 of them in San Francisco alone, and they swarm all over the Pacific and mountain states. They have practically monopolized the labor field in the Alaska fisheries, and in the Pacific states they have driven to the wall our American working men and women in the lines of household service, cigar making, boot and shoe making, bag making, tailoring, laundering, farming, brick making, mine working and railroad working, not to speak of many other industries.

But I need not tell over again this old familiar tale of how our honest, brave American working men and women on the frontier have been wounded thus in the house of their friends. The workingmen of the United States—the backbone of this country—stand as a unit, shoulder to shoulder, on this question. They may differ as to other questions, but they are unanimous in their appreciation of this one great overshadowing peril and menace.

The boy who will make a success in life is not the one who is continually asking another to do his tasks for him. The boy who, as a boy, wants continued assistance, will continue to want assistance when he has reached man's estate.

Do It Yourself

By MAX OWEN.

He who attains success is he who has sufficient push, energy and pride to do for himself everything that he is capable of doing. It is well never to ask for assistance until such assistance is absolutely necessary.

NO INVESTIGATION.

Mob's Victim Goes to the Potter's Field.

Paris, Mo., May 28.—Coroner Johnston held an inquest this morning over the remains of Abe Witherup, the murderer who was lynched by a mob at Paris Sunday morning. Only two witnesses were examined, and no effort was made to ascertain the names of any of the parties connected with the affair. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that Witherup came to his death at the hands of a mob.

Witherup has one sister living in this county. She was notified that the inquest would be held, and asked to take charge of the body. She refused to have anything to do with it, but later notified the probate judge that she wished to administer on her brother's estate. The body was consigned to the potter's field.

A Two Dollar Pig.

Louisiana, Mo., May 30.—In the common pleas court here today a lawsuit about a \$2 pig was decided. Frederick Long, a farmer, "sicked" his dog upon one of Marion Williams's pigs. The dog caught the animal and Williams brought replevin suit. It was tried in a justice court and decided in favor of Williams. The trial consumed one day, many witnesses were present from a distance and this time the decision was for Long. The costs are now more than \$100 and it is probable that the case will next go to the court of appeals.

Snubbed Grover.

Portland, Ore., May 29.—Sylvester Penoyer, ex-governor of Oregon and one of the most prominent Democratic politicians in the West, died at five o'clock this evening from apoplexy. He attained much notoriety while Governor at the time of Coxey's army was parading in the West by replying to a request from President Cleveland to preserve order and facilitate the passage of the mails by stating: "If the President will attend to his business I will attend to mine."

Sixteen Indictments.

Nevada, Mo., May 30.—A crusade against the Sunday opening of saloons in this city was started Wednesday when Judge H. C. Timmonds, upon request of Prosecuting Attorney A. J. King, ordered a Grand Jury summoned. The jury returned sixteen indictments to-day against the proprietors of the saloons in this city. This is the first Grand Jury summoned here for over two years.

Audrain Boy Editor.

Columbia, Mo., May 30.—Daniel McFarland was re-elected business manager of the University of Missouri Independent for next year. Charles Nardin of Vandalia, Mo., was re-elected editor of the same publication.

The Paris drum corps assisted in the memorial day exercises in this city last Friday.

Flat Rock district is a beauty spot—the worst advertisement for Mexico to people who pass thru on the trains.

The T. J. Gibson property, one block with four houses thereon, on east Monroe street in this city, was sold at the east front door of the Court House last Saturday for \$3,000. Allen Parks, of Columbia, Mo., was the purchaser.

Manley O. Hudson, of Montgomery City, was the only person to present himself in the naval cadetship examination for the Ninth Congressional District held in this city last Friday. He received a grade of 90 per cent. His examiners were Col. W. D. Fonville, Hon. F. L. Dawson, of Ellsberry; Hon. S. S. Carroll, of Perry, and Col. D. W. Major, of Montgomery City.

Educate Your Boreals With Cucumbers. Candy Cathartics, cure constipation forever. 30c, 50c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

J. B. Schroll has resigned as station agent at Rush Hill.

Willis Johnson, this city, now gets a pension of \$6 a month.

Walter Williams, of the Columbia Herald, is to become a preacher.

Lee Horton, of Martinsburg, is attending summer school at Kirksville.

The Mexico school board has retained all the teachers of last term.

Immigrants are flocking to the United States at the rate of 80,000 a month.

Edison has perfected a storage battery, and now predicts the passing of the horse.

D. W. Breid late teacher at Skinner, will teach the Jamestown school next term.

Over-exertion in a ping pong game the other day killed I. A. Ingleheart of Long Island.

Luckie & Gant, grocers, have moved their store to the first room south of Turner, Jackson & Co.

Most people waste time as freely as if it really were money, instead of being infinitely more precious.

A. R. Waterman, of Canton, Ill., is to be the new manager of the Mexico opera house. He will move his family here.

The graduating exercises of the M. M. A. last week were most interesting. Six beautiful medals were awarded to different pupils for efficient work and progress.

Miss Edna Bruce, of near Skinner, was awarded two medals at William Woods College at Fulton last week, one on scholarship and the other on Bible studies. Miss Bruce is one of Audrain's brightest young women.

E. C. Chapel, of Santa Fe, was in Mexico the other day and three negroes tried to work him for money on a monte card game. But he soon caught onto their racket and made them hunt their haunts in Flat Rock in a hurry.

Miss Ethel Snidow, of this city, captured first prize, a gold medal, in the essay contest at William Woods College at Fulton last week. Her subject was "Whitewash." Miss Snidow is receiving the cordial congratulations of all her friends.

W. L. Corner says it is the "loneliest" at his house these days it has been for 40 years, since Father J. W. Faires and wife left on that trip West. Mr. and Mrs. Corner raised a large family and have always had "somebody at home" till now.

The G. A. R. Post of this city with other friends appropriately observed Memorial Day last Friday. At the post hall Gens. W. H. Keenan and D. H. McIntyre, both ex-Confederates, made speeches. The old guard of the blue and the gray are getting closer together.

The closing exercises of the Mexico colored public school were held at the opera house last Wednesday. The exercises were attended by white and black and were greatly enjoyed by all. There were four graduates—all young women: Doshia Johnson, Odessa Bailey, Mable Johnson and Roxie Brooks, the latter delivering the valedictory. "The Forbidden is Most Tempting."

A preacher says that a witness, answering as to whether he knew of any desecrations of the Sabbath or not, replied: "Yes, I know of 16,000 men in this State, employees of the railroads, who are required to work seven days out of a week." But the foreman of the jury said: "With that we have nothing to do. The railroads are protected by statutory provisions; what we want to know of you is do you know of any boys chasing rabbits on Sunday?"

VACCINATION.

Caused Spinal Meningitis and Then Death.

Columbia, Mo., May 29.—News received in Columbia of the death of Mrs. L. D. Hart of Hartsburg, this county, on last Tuesday. Her husband is one of the most prominent citizens of Hartsburg. Eighteen days ago Mrs. Hart was vaccinated and her arm swelled to an unusual degree. This was followed by cerebro-spinal meningitis. One of the physicians in attendance has expressed the opinion that the latter disease was due to impure vaccine points used in the operation.

Mrs. Hart was 50 years old and leaves a husband and four children. The latter are Mrs. Paul Calvert, Mrs. William Hall, Miss Bessie Hart and William D. Hart.

GIRL PROPOSED.

Her "Fellow" Pushing a Wheelbarrow to California.

A former Mexico girl gathered a little notoriety down at St. Louis the other day. Her intended was in this city a few days later. His name is Harry Adonis. He wears a striped roundabout and is pushing a gaudily painted wheelbarrow thru from a Michigan town to San Francisco. The St. Louis Star prints the following:

He was to have been married Thursday afternoon to Miss Nina Martin, of 3654 Laclede avenue, but the girl's mother objected and the marriage will not take place.

Miss Nina Martin was the 375th woman Adonis says that he could have married on his trip and was the only one that he fancied. To other 374, Adonis says, proposed to him, but he did not like them well enough to get married.

Adonis left Michigan last January to walk to San Francisco, pushing the wheelbarrow. He was to reach the Pacific coast inside of a year, have made \$500 without working and have gotten married. If successful he would win \$1,500.

He reached St. Louis Monday noon and as he passed along Olive street trundling his wheelbarrow he attracted crowds of people, many women stopping to hear the traveler's story.

Tuesday Adonis was sitting in a store on Olive street, where he exhibits his wheelbarrow, when a vivacious young woman came in to make a purchase. She listened to Adonis tell the story of his travels and, like Desdemona, fell a victim to Adonis' tales of travel and adventure.

Before the couple parted Adonis says the young woman had promised to become his bride, and that they would make their honeymoon trip over the roads with the wheelbarrow carrying the bride's trousseau. Miss Martin hurried home to tell her parents.

"My daughter came home wild with glee over the prospect of the marriage," said Mrs. Martin to the Star Thursday.

"Mamma, Mamma, I have a chance to marry Adonis," said Nina to me.

"And who is Adonis?" I replied.

"He is a fellow who is traveling to San Francisco and wants to take me with him."

"I quieted the girl and had her tell me the story, and I at once told her that she must not think of doing such a thing. Wednesday I went down town and met the young man and told him that he could not marry my daughter."

"I asked my daughter if her future happiness depended upon this marriage and she said she was not sure that it did, so I told her she could not marry Adonis. I don't think they will get married."

"My daughter did not propose to Adonis, and if he should marry her he will lose his wager, as according to the terms of his wager the girl he marries must propose to him."

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The young woman, according to Adonis, was perfectly willing to marry him, but the strenuous objection on the part of the mother convinced her that the marriage ought not take place, so the engagement was annulled.

Miss Martin is an actress of some ability and has played with the Casino Girl and other companies, and is now looking for an engagement with one of the summer gardens around St. Louis.

Adonis is very much disappointed over the breaking of the engagement. He said that he and Miss Martin had planned to make the trip to San Francisco together, and afterward go on the stage in vaudeville.

Rev. S. M. Martin, the girl's father, was also greatly opposed to the match. His daughter has sung in the First Presbyterian, Lindell M. E. and other churches, and is well known in musical circles. She is a pretty girl with dark hair and eyes and has had many admirers, but it remained for Adonis to win her consent to marry.

FARMING.

To Be Taught in All Missouri Public Schools.

Columbia, Mo., May 29.—A movement has been inaugurated to introduce the study of agriculture into the rural public schools of the state. The movement is indorsed by W. T. Carrington, superintendent of the state public schools, and President R. H. Jesse of the University of Missouri.

The desirability of introducing agriculture into the public schools as a subject of study, has been advocated a long time. It has been discussed by the farmers of the state and by all who have had anything to do with agricultural work.

According to the authorities of the State Agricultural college and Mr. Ellis, the greatest drawback in this line of work is the lack of education on the part of teachers along this line. To supply this need the university four years ago opened a summer school of agriculture and horticulture designed mainly for teachers of the state. The interest that is being taken in the subject is evidenced by the fact that these departments of the university summer school have had the largest portion of the attendance.

Since the establishment of the university summer school, courses in agriculture have been inaugurated by the state normal schools of Missouri and agriculture is taught in many country public schools. Circulars are now being sent out to ascertain the number of country schools now teaching this branch. As indicative of the work being done, a letter was received from the superintendent of public instruction of Michigan stating that he had heard of the work and requesting an outline of the same. It was sent to him and in a second letter he stated he had taken the outline to a conference of the professors of the agricultural colleges and had stated to them that Missouri was ahead of all other states in the matter of teaching agriculture in public schools.

The effort that is now making has for its object the promotion of the study of agriculture in every public school in the rural districts of Missouri.

"I wish you would advise the people to stop their war on the English sparrows," said Al Henderson, near Santa Fe, to the Paris Appeal man the other day. "I wish I had a thousand of them in my orchard. The canker worms are destroying all the apples and the sparrows are making war on the worms. If we had enough of these birds the insects that prey on our fruit and crops would be eliminated. God created nothing in vain but intended everything to minister directly to man's good. I say we should let the sparrow live because in the end they will do us more good than harm."

"Poor Man's Rotation."

Walter Pearl of New Hope, gives the Journal of Agriculture his ideas as to rotation of crops, as follows:

"About the first of September I sow land to rye. This will make a good pasture all winter and also make a good coat of manure if turned under about the first of June, and the land can be put to cowpeas. The pasture you get off of the rye in the winter will over pay for the seed and the trouble of sowing, to say nothing of the fine coat of manure you turn under and then you have your land in good shape to take cowpeas, and peas are almost as valuable as corn. Stock will leave corn to eat the peas, or the best of timothy or clover hay to eat pea hay. And the peas add more to the land than they take, so by this way you can put the same field in corn every second year, and also add to its fertility and grow better corn every year. I consider this the poor man's rotation. That is, a man with an 100-acre farm can raise as much as his neighbor does with 300 acres. I do not believe we want more farming, but I do believe we want better farming and better farms. A poor farm is sure to produce poor stock. So, brother farmer, let us take up the best principles and best methods of farming, and do our best, and God will add all things."

Two ears of cattle, averaging 1,475 pounds, sold on the market of Kansas City the other day at \$7.50, the highest price ever paid on that market.

A. D. Bledsoe, north of Mexico, one of the best fellows in the county, has bought a half interest with W. H. Wallace in the Mexico Steam Laundry. He will move his family to town in the early fall.

The Wellsville Record says: Attorney Pat Cullen, the able Audrain county lawyer, was here from Mexico Tuesday on legal business. It is said Mr. Cullen would not object to going to Congress when Champ Clark retires.

Up in Putnam county the Judge of the Probate purchased a typewriter for use in his office and had the bill presented to the county court, which refused to draw a warrant. The county furnishing the typewriter brought suit against the county in the circuit court and won the case. The probate Judge also had a telephone placed in his office and charged the monthly rental to the county, and the county refused to pay. This was also taken to the circuit court, and the county lost.

The papers inform us that the war in Africa has wholly cleared the West of small mules and the British will have to take the large ones or do without. The British buy mules weighing from 700 to 900 pounds. The big mules stay in the United States. Last week in Kansas City 160 mules were sold to sugar planters for prices that averaged close to \$150. Hardly a day passes without some dealer selling a team of mules in St. Louis or Kansas City for \$500. These are the biggest and best mules. One mule that brings \$250 will weigh as much as two army mules.

Telling The Truth.

Not long since a Missouri editor announced that just for one issue he would tell the truth, naked and unvarnished, that is, the truth was to be naked and unvarnished. Here are three items:

John Bonin, the laziest merchant in town, made a trip to Belleville yesterday.

John Doyle, our groceryman, is doing a poor business. His store is dirty and noisily odoriferous. He doesn't advertise nor treat people courteously. How can he expect to do much?

Dave Soukey died last Saturday morning at his home in this place. The doctor gave it out that it was heart failure. The fact is he was drunk and whiskey's what killed him; and his "home" was a ranted shak in Rowdy street."

How Are Your Kidneys? Dr. Hodge's Kidney Pills cure all kidney troubles. Add: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.